

ENGLISH GIRLS TURN TO SIMPLE WEDDINGS

ALSACE-LORRAINE IS READY FOR AUTONOMY

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Oct. 13.—Old fashioned weddings at church with lavish decorations, gaily bedecked brides and bridesmaids, bell ringing and elaborate ceremonies are gradually giving way to more sombre and quicker weddings at registry offices.

Statistics show that twenty-five per cent of the total marriages in this country during the year have been performed at registry offices. In London alone of 50,000 marriages, 15,000 were conducted by the registrar, and throughout the country the number of civil ceremonies has grown from 30,000 in 1890 to three times that number.

Among many reasons given for turning the civil marriage is the desire to avoid publicity by conducting parties, particularly in the case of dukes, peers, theatrical stars and other prominent persons when remarried.

English brides of the past generation would have been aghast at the thought of marrying without the traditional orange blossom wreath and the retinue of bridesmaids, but modern ideas developed by the present day girl, make her prefer the simple ceremony without the "pompous" of the big church service and the army of spectators.

BONUS ON BABIES IS TO BE ELIMINATED

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Oct. 30.—Indications that the system of paying a federal baby bonus to mothers in which legislation Australia is said to have led the world, is to be abolished have been given by the federal treasury, who is considering whether the sum of approximately \$10,000,000 which is paid annually in maternity allowances could be spent more profitably for medical attention for maternity cases.

(By Associated Press)
KOLMAR, Alsace, Oct. 12.—Autonomy and neutrality for Alsace-Lorraine is the moving spirit behind preparations which are being made for an international conference to be held here this fall. It is expected that a number of delegates will come from America, especially Alsations living there. Friends of the movement are to be invited also from Switzerland, England, Denmark, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Holland, Spain, and other countries.

At a recent meeting in Kolmar of persons interested in the project, it was unanimously decided that the proposition for autonomy and neutrality should be placed before the League of Nations. The consensus was, however, that support should first be assured in such lands as the United States and England, and in countries which were neutral during the world war.

Speakers at the assembly, particularly those coming from agricultural districts, voiced opposition to the French administration. They cautioned at the same time against "sighing for the Prussian spiked helmet."

REGISTRATION HEAVY
Out of a total of 4500 voters registered in Nye county, Tonopah is credited with 2948. Precinct No. 1 has a registration of 766; No. 2 789; No. 3, 360, and No. 4, 394 and No. 5, 654. Two years ago there was a registration of 3700, which makes an increase of 1100 voters in the county.

TRUSSES ARE DELIVERED
The three big steel trusses for the new Knights of Pythias auditorium at the corner of Braghter street were delivered on the ground Sunday and today a force of workmen is engaged in placing them in position. Following that task the roof will be put on and the structure hurried to completion.

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What are your Qualifications, Mr. Scrugham?

You are a candidate for governor of this state, and the voters are accordingly entitled to know what qualifications you possess.

Did you ever add a cent to the taxable wealth of this state?

Did you ever give employment to anyone in this state on your own account?

You claim to be an irrigation engineer. Did you ever reclaim, or farm, an acre of land in Nevada or elsewhere?

Have you ever had executive training of any kind?

Did you ever manage a ranch, a mine, a mercantile business, or any enterprise of any description that called for executive management? If so, when and where?

Did you ever direct the expenditures of large sums of money, except as state engineer when your department cost the state twice what it cost under your predecessors without any more work being accomplished? As a matter of fact have you not already proven your incompetency to deal with involved business management?

Is it not a fact that within the last eighteen months you have paid to George B. Thatcher and his associates from the funds of the state engineer's office, the sum of \$4200.00 in clear violation of law, for work that could and should have been performed by the attorney general? And is it not a fact that the legislature specifically refused to appropriate this sum at your request. And is it not a fact that you defied the expressed wishes of the legislature and paid it from the taxpayers' funds anyway?

DO YOU THINK THAT ANY MAN SHOULD BE TRUSTED WITH THE FUNDS OF THE TAXPAYERS WHO WILL EXPEND THEM IN SUCH A HIGH-HANDED AND ILLEGAL FASHION?

Do you think that state officials are paramount in power to the legislature elected by the people?

In a speech delivered at Elko in June, Charles B. Henderson, one of the most prominent Democrats in Nevada, declared that the cost of state government had increased 101 per cent between 1912 and 1921.

In that speech he asked: "WHAT WERE THE BENEFITS DERIVED FROM THIS EXCESSIVE INCREASE?"

Do you approve of such appalling extravagance? Do you propose to continue it?

The men associated with you on your party ticket are responsible for this condition of affairs, for they absolutely control the state boards and commissions. Do you think they are fit to be retained in high public office for four years more?

They have increased the bonded indebtedness of this state from \$680,000 to \$1,669,000 in eight years. Do you approve of this? Do you propose to increase it at the same rate?

UNDER THEIR DIRECTION THE PER CAPITA TAX OF NEVADA HAS BECOME THE HIGHEST IN THE WHOLE UNION (SEE REPORTS OF UNITED STATES CENSUS 1920). IS IT NOT A FACT THAT YOU EXPRESS YOUR APPROVAL OF THIS BY SUPPORTING THEM FOR REELECTION?

During the last eight years the present Democratic office-holders have increased property valuations from \$136,000,000 to \$200,000,000, and instead of reducing the state tax rate have actually increased it. Eight years ago the rate was sixty cents. It is now sixty-two cents.

By supporting this conduct of your political associates you express your approval of their action. Is this not a fact?

DO YOU PROPOSE TO CONTINUE GEORGE D. SMITH, WHO LIVES IN CALIFORNIA, AS INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THIS STATE, WHEN THERE ARE PLENTY OF NEVADA MEN CAPABLE OF CONDUCTING THIS DEPARTMENT? IS IT NOT A FACT THAT YOU PROPOSE TO CONTINUE HIM IN OFFICE ALTHOUGH HE IS LIVING IN ANOTHER STATE?

Do you favor keeping on the state payroll, at the expense of the taxpayers, the horde of political hangers-on who now encumber the state departments? As a matter of fact are you not already committed to their re-appointment?

The voters and taxpayers of Nevada are entitled to know where you stand. They are entitled to know what qualifications you possess. They await your reply.

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